

Ahead of polls, PDP is facing tough situation in many areas

People arguing with leaders and asking for an account of their votes

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SRINAGAR: With just a two weeks left for voting in the 2nd phase of the 2024 Lok Sabha election, the PDP is battling hard to douse the fire of resentment from the unlikely quarters of quarters villagers and other communities who have traditionally been its loyal supporter before year 2019.

you don't not feel any change, do not give your vote to PDP and I do not need it.

The agitated resident did not stop there he shouted and told her that she was the real culprit of the current situation. Later Mufti tried to defuse the situation and said that before the Mufti government the people of Jammu and Kashmir were unsafe, his government provided them secure atmosphere, but people did not listen to her claims.

According to political analysts, it was Mufti Saeed who as Union Home Minister in the 90's enacted the toughest law AFSPA for Jammu and Kashmir.

He said, that during the kidnapping episode of Dr Rubiya Saeed, he had ordered the release of several militants for the release of his daughter.

It is well known that Anantnag is Mehbooba Mufti's native district and in 2014 Assembly elections



a senior journalist wrote on his social media platform, "every post is for the family Keep is up".

According to voters in Anantnag-Rajouri seat, we are keenly watching every changing moment, we need development, employment, and peace. The party which is capable of providing these basic facilities, our vote is for that party. Regarding Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party leader Zaffar Iqbal Manhas said, he is a new leader and before joining Apni Party he was in the PDP where he got MLC berth without any political struggle as he was close aide of the PDP Patron and President.

Not only this, when people elected her for Lok Sabha she did not raise any basic issue of her constituency and her attitude irritated the people.

Sources told the STATE TIMES when Mehbooba Mufti became Chief Minister she made ways for

her friends. Similarly she demanded the resignation of her relative Farooq Andrabi an elected member and gave a ministerial berth to her brother Tasaduq Mufti, who was in Bollywood and did not know politics.

The distribution of PDP tickets for the Lok Sabha elections in the Kashmir valley comes as a surprise to the party folder as Waheed Para a little known for political arena, has been nominated for Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency. The residents of Srinagar are no longer to the party which betrayed our sentiments in the past. "We have decided to vote for a party that will not compromise on our votes and sentiments. This is clear indication that Srinagar is all set to vote for the first time in three decades, with almost every-one and especially first time voters gearing up to cast their first vote.

Former legislator, PDP leader Syed Bashir with workers join Apni Party



JKAP president S.M.A Bukhari welcoming newly joined member.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Prominent politician, former minister; and PDP leader Syed Bashir from south Kashmir's Pulwama district, on Monday, joined Apni Party along with his workers and supporters during a special event organised at the party headquarters in Srinagar. Another prominent political figure from Rajpora constituency who joined the party was Ghulam Hassan Qazi. Syed Bashir and Ghulam Hassan Qazi joined Apni Party along with their team in the constituency.

In a separate event, at the same venue, Chaudhary Anwar Phambra, a prominent political activist and chairman of the Kokernag Peoples Alliance, along with his workers, also joined the Party today.

Chaudhary was also the former secretary of Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP). Furthermore, Apni party witnessed the joining of several political activists and workers from Tral area of south Kashmir and Srinagar's Dalgate. According to the

details a group of political activists from Doodnarg Tral joined the party in presence of the party president Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari today. The new entrants included Abdul Ganai Wani, Zakir Hussain, Matloob Hussain, Mohammad Shafi, Mohammad Qasim, Shabir Ahmad, and others. They joined the party along with their associates.

Similarly, a group of female political workers from Srinagar's Dalgate also joined Apni Party today. The new entrants included Tija, Jameela, Hanifa, Irfana, Shakeela and others. The party president Bukhari

along with other esteemed party leaders gave a warm welcome to the new entrants.

Speaking on the occasion, Bukhari said, "It gives me immense pleasure to see prominent political figures joining the Apni Party. The joining of prominent political leaders with us indicates that people have faith in our agenda and policies. I extend a warm and wholehearted welcome to each of you into the party fold. Together, let us embark on a journey dedicated to fostering peace, prosperity, and development in Jammu and Kashmir, and the political and economic empowerment of its people."

CRIME REPORT

Narcotic smuggling attempt thwarted: Two arrested with heroin-like substance, cash

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BANIHAL: In a decisive move against narcotics smuggling, Ramban police, under Operation Sanjeevani and under the astute guidance of SSP Ramban Anuj Kumar successfully foiled a narcotics smuggling attempt in the Banihal area of Ramban district.

Two individuals were apprehended with a significant quantity of a substance resembling heroin, along with a cash amount of one lakh seventy-six thousand rupees. The incident unfolded during routine vehicle and pedestrian checks at T-Chowk naka in Banihal. Two pedestrians, coming from the Banihal Railway Station and heading towards the Banihal market, attempted to evade the police checkpoint upon sighting the naka party. However, they were swiftly apprehended after a determined effort by the naka party. Upon inquiry, one individual was identified as Yasir Ahmed Karoo son of Nazar Ahmed resident of Qazi Molalla Tehsil and District Anantnag, and Abid Ahmed Bhat son of Mohd Ashraf Bhat resident of Lalchowk Tehsil and District Anantnag. From their possession, a substance resembling heroin and a cash amount of Rupees one lakh seventy-six thousand were recovered. A case under FIR no 57/2024, under section 8/21/29 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Banihal.

Both accused persons have been taken into custody, and the contraband has been seized. Investigations are underway to unravel any connections or networks associated with this illegal activity.

The arrest and seizure were carried out by the diligent police team of PS Banihal, under the guidance of SHO PS Banihal under the supervision of SDPO Banihal, Adl. SP Ramban and overall supervision of SSP Ramban.

6 drug peddlers arrested; contraband substances recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested 06 drug peddlers in Awantipora, Baramulla & Kulgam and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

In Awantipora, police party of Police Post Toll Plaza while performing Naka checking near Toll Plaza Awantipora intercepted an Auto Rickshaw bearing registration number JK01L-6792 driven by one person. During search, 20 grams of Charas like substance was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Waseem Ahmad Makroo son of Ab Rashid Makroo resident of Benina Srinagar. Similarly, a Police party of Police Post Toll Plaza during naka checking near Kaigam crossing on NH-44 intercepted an Auto Rickshaw bearing registration number JK01AL-1324 with one person on board. During search, 36 grams of Charas like substance was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Aadil Ahmad son of Mohammad Rafiq Shiekh resident of Natipora Srinagar.

In Baramulla, a police party of Police Station Uri headed by SHO PS Uri at a checkpoint established at Choolan Uri intercepted two persons. During search, 3.8Kgs of Cannabis Powder & 20 grams of Charas like substances were recovered from their possession. They have been identified as Shabir Ahmad Najar son of Imam Din Najar & Naseem Ahmad Khan son of Nawab Khan both residents of Gingle Uri.

In Kulgam, a Police party led by SHO Police Station DH Pora during naka checking at Kounserbal Crossing intercepted one suspicious person identified as Mukhtar Ahmad Malik son of Abdul Khaliq Malik resident of Nagam. During search, 800 grams of Charas powder and 130 grams of Charas like substance filled in polythene bag were recovered from his possession. Moreover, a police party of PS Behibagh at a checkpoint established at Alamgunj crossing intercepted a suspicious person identified as Aakash Bashir Son of Bashir Ahmad Mochi resident of Munnad. During search, officers were able to recover 500 grams of Charas powder like substance filled in nylon bag from his possession.

All the six accused drug peddlers have been arrested and shifted to respective police stations where they remain in custody. Vehicles (Auto Rickshaws) used in the commission of crime have also been seized. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and further investigation have been initiated.

SIU Kulgam produces chargesheet against 4 terrorists

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KULGAM: SIU Kulgam produced chargesheet in case FIR

No 65/2022 of Police Station Kulgam before Hon'ble Court of Special Judge (Designated Court under NIA) Kulgam against three killed terrorists and an active terrorist.

The chargesheet has been produced against 4 accused terrorists namely Jan Mohammad Lone son of Ab. Rashid Lone resident of Braripora Shopian, Bilal Ahmad Bhat son of Gh. Rasool Bhat resident of Chaki Cholend Shopian, Sameer Ahmad Sheikh alias Kamran Bhai son of Farooq Ahmad Sheikh resident of Chaki Cholend Shopian and Abid Ramzan Sheikh son of Mohd Ramzan Sheikh resident of Chotipora Shopian.

Pertinent to mention here that on 02/06/2022, the above-mentioned terrorists of proscribed terrorist outfit LeT/TRF and Al-Badr hatched a conspiracy and killed one Branch Manager of Ellahai Dehati Bank Arreh Kulgam at Arreh namely Vijay Kumar son of Om Prakash resident of Bagva Rajasthan with their illegal acquired weapons. Accordingly, a case was registered in Police Station Kulgam.

Subsequently following the due course of action, Special Investigation Unit Kulgam produced charge sheet before NIA Court Kulgam in the instant case FIR No. 65/2022 U/S 452, 302 IPC, 7/27 I.A. Act, 16, 18, 20, and 38 UA (P) Act of Police Station Kulgam against three eliminated accused terrorists namely Jan Mohammad Lone, Bilal Ahmad Bhat and Sameer Ahmad Sheikh regarding whom the Hon'ble Court is prayed to take cognizance as abeted and U/S 299 CrPC against accused active terrorist namely Abid Ramzan Sheikh.

Further investigation with regard to involvement of another accused Arjumand Gulzar alias Hamza Burhan son of Gulzar Ahmad Dar resident of Kharbatpora Ratnipora Pulwama who is an active terrorist of proscribed terrorist outfit Al-Badr and is absconding shall continue U/S 173 (8) of CrPC and shall be submitted in the form of Supplementary report before the Hon'ble Court.

Four missing women traced, reunited with families

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBA/JAMMU: Police on Monday reunited four missing women and reunited them with their families.

On April 19, 2024, a written report was lodged at Police Station Vijaypur by the husband of missing woman resident of Ranjari Bagla tehsil Vijaypur district Samba, stating therein that his wife went out from home to Vijaypur for medical checkup and did not return. All efforts were made out by the family members but the whereabouts of the missing woman could not be ascertained.

Acting on complaint, a missing report was entered at Police Station Vijaypur and search started to trace out the said missing woman. With continuous strenuous efforts, a police team of Police Station Vijaypur has traced out the said missing woman and handed over to her legal heirs after completing all legal formalities. Accordingly, the said missing report has been closed.

In another instance, two missing complaints were made at Police Station Kanachak on different dates in which 01 girl (name withheld) R/o Jammu whose missing report was lodged on Dec 22, 2023 in PS Kanachak & In another missing case 1 girl (Name withheld) resident of Jammu whose missing report was lodged on April 20, 2024.

Acting upon this, a Police team led by SHO Police Station Kanachak Inspector Sham Lal assisted by PSI Baljeet Parihar with the help of technical assistance traced out both the missing girls and after completing all legal formalities, they were handed over to their legal heirs.

Meanwhile, On April 17, 2024 a missing Report vide DD number 7 was registered in the daily dairy of police station RS Pura, regarding the missing of one lady (name withheld) R/o Jammu on the complaint of her husband Ravi.

Thereafter a police team comprising of Incharge BPP Chakroi PSI Ishfaq Ahmed and other police personnel of BPP chakroi was formed to ascertain in the whereabouts of the missing lady.

The police team developed leads and credit few places and thereafter with the help of technical assistance, the said lady was traced out and handed over to her legal heirs. The Missing report stands closed in this regard.

2 arrested for illegal hoarding, sale of diesel

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBA: Police on Monday arrested two persons for illegal hoarding and sale of diesel on national highway side and seized 105 litres of diesel oil on the spot in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba.

The arrested accused have been identified as Kapil Kumar S/o Radhey Sham R/o Manguchak Rajpur district Samba and Virender Yadav S/o Gopal Yadav R/o Bihadarpur-Jampur (UP).

The accused Kapil Kumar, who runs a tyre puncture repair 'Khokha' near Duggar Haveli, NankeChak Samba, was indulged in illegally storing and selling of diesel oil at his 'Khokha'. A Police party of Police Station Samba while performing patrolling on NHW, caught accused Kapil red-handed along with accused customer while illegally selling diesel oil at his 'Khokha' shop. Police has seized 105 litres of illegally



stored diesel oil, empty drums and a pump from their possession. A case FIR No. 108/2024 U/S 3/7 Essential Commodities Act has been registered at Police Station Samba and investigation is underway.

Kishtwar police Challanes 60 vehicles

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHIWAR: In continuation to the operation 3rd Eye Kishitwar kishitwar Police challaned 60 violators under Motor Vehicle Act for wrong parking, without helmet, overloading in Kishitwar town.

Under the directions of the SSP Kishitwar Abdul Qayoom the team so constituted for the purpose of traffic Challan, the team with the help of technical aid CCTV surveillance mechanism shot photographs/conducted videography for violation of traffic rules, identifying the vehicles through number plate reading system and subsequently, after ascertaining residential addresses of owners of vehicle and accordingly the copies alongwith photograph of violation of traffic rules sent at their residential addresses.

The vehicle numbers of violators are JK17A6067, JK17A2438, JK062815, JK179283, JK17A2826, JK02AL0889, JK17A3276, JK178896, JK17A6404, JK178242, JK17A2228, JK173639, JK063171, JK17A0133, JK17A6198, JK02CN1317, JK21A0744, JK064462, JK02BU0301, JK175775, JK02CM0819, JK06A0674, KL02BN6739, JK175469, JK176616, JK06A7605, JK02AQ8283, JK179953, JK17A4163, JK17A4156, JK02AT3521, JK02CQ6822, JK17A6164, JK02AH5138, JK02CK6876, JK02AN7788, JK02AL4217, JK02BP6575, JK173485, JK02BN6739, JK177632, JK178966, JK17A2391, JK175807, JK17A6402, JK17A1284, JK17A7349, JK17A3108, JK02BM1211, JK172292, JK062906, JK177679, JK17A2773, JK17A5343, JK170112, JK176877, JK02AP4556, JK17A4902, JK175997, JK17A5487.

District Police Kishitwar appealed the General Public to cooperate and provide information, if any driver especially drivers of passenger vehicles are noticed carrying overload or drive rashly and negligently, stringent action will be taken by Police which will lead to suspension of vehicle documents and driving licence of drivers besides registration of FIRs against erring drivers.

6 bovine Smugglers nabbed, 43 bovines rescued

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
RAMBAN: Continuing its drive against the bovine smugglers and their propagators under Operation KAMDHENU, Ramban police under the supervision of SSP Ramban Anuj Kumar has foiled bovine smuggling attempts, registered 06 FIRs arrested 06 bovine smugglers, rescued 43 bovines and seized five vehicles.

Police team of Police station Batote headed by SHO Batote while performing vehicle checking duty intercepted a vehicle bearing registration No. JK 14-J- 9710 held one person namely Zaron Ahmed son of Mohd Sadiq resident of Ladhwal Tehsil -Batote, District-Ramban. During checking 05 bovines were found laden inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally.

In another instance Police Party of PS Chanderkot headed by SHO Chanderkot foiled a bovine smuggling bid, intercepted a vehicle bearing registration No JK-14-H-0839 and held one person namely Mohd Arif son of Mohd Rafiq resident of Jhakar, Tehsil & District Udhampur. During checking, 03 bovines were found laden inside the vehicle, which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally.

In another instance Police Party of PS Ramban headed by SHO Ramban foiled bovine smuggling bid, intercepted three vehicle's bearing registration No JK-14-E-7706, JK-20-C-3868 and JK-19-7933, held three person namely Bilal Ahmed son of Ali Mohd resident of Sachhiall, Tehsil-Banihal District Ramban. 2) Mohd Irfan S/O Idress Ahmed R/O Sooli, Gaam Tehsil & District Ramban. 3) Ghulam Ali S/O Noora R/O Dhalwas Tehsil & District Ramban During checking 21 bovines were found laden inside the three vehicles which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally. Police Party of PS Ramban also foiled another bovine smuggling attempt and held one person namely Hamid Khan son of Benia resident of Village Raipur Jagir Bhad Road Jammu who was taking 14 bovine animals in a cruel manner without any permission towards Kashmir.

As a result, a total of 43 bovine animals were rescued under the operation "KAMDHENU." Subsequently, FIR No. 55/2024 was registered at Police Station Batote, FIR No. 52/2024 at PS Chanderkot, FIR No. 86/2024, 87/2024, 88/2024 and 89/2024 were registered at PS Ramban under Sections 188 IPC and under section 11 of the Prevention of cruelty to Animals Act. The investigation has been initiated into these cases. 06 persons arrested and 05 vehicles involved in the commission of offence have been seized.

The successful rescue operation was conducted by Police parties led by SHO Police Station Batote, SHO PS Chanderkot and SHO PS Ramban under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Ramban, Addl.SP Ramban, with the overall supervision by SSP Ramban.

2 bootleggers nabbed, 85 bottles of liquor seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
REASI: Continuing the drive against drug Abuse and illicit liquor launched by District Reasi Police, Police party of Police

Post Dera Baba laid a surprise naka at Bhabher Brahmna, on seeing Police party on checking one person tried to flee in suspicious circumstances, was chased and apprehended. On search 05 litres of illicit liquor recovered from his possession.

He has been identified as notorious illicit liquor Smuggler Charan Singh, son of Baldev Singh, resident of Bhabher Brahmna, Reasi.

A Case FIR No. 72/2024 U/S 48-(A) Excise Act stands registered at Police Station Reasi investigation initiated to unearth forward and backward linkages. Pertinently accused Charan Singh is notorious illicit liquor Smuggler of the area, already arrested in case FIR No.102/2021 US 48(E) Excise Act, 307/353/336/34 IPC and FIR No. 77/2022 U/S 48-(A)/50 Excise Act of Police Station Reasi and is facing trial in the case. The whole operation was led by ICPP Dera Baba PSI Rakshat Jamwal.

Meanwhile, an information was received through reliable sources at Border Police Post Sandwan that one bootlegger namely Bodh Raj, son of Karan Chand, resident of Bhagatpur was selling illicit liquor to customers in a plot at Bhagatpur under the jurisdiction of Police Station Domana. Acting upon this, Police party of BPP Sandwan Led by PSI Sadam Hussain raided the location and recovered 20 quarters of JK Special Whisky of 180 ml and 05 bottles of 750 ml from his possession. In this regard a Case FIR U/s 48 (f) Excise Act stands registered at PS Domana and accused person arrested.

Absconding rape accused nabbed

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
MIRANSAHIB: Miran Sahib Police on Monday arrested an accused absconding in a Rape Case.

On April 11, 2024, one complaint was registered at Police Station Miran Sahib to the effect that on April 10, complainant was raped by accused person and after committing the rape, the accused person fled away from the spot. Upon this, case FIR No. 38/2024 under section 342/376 IPC was registered at Police Station Miran Sahib and investigation started.

During the course of investigation, a team of Police station Miran Sahib immediately raided in different locations i.e Kullian, Satwari, Bega Bera, R.S.Pura, Kaku-de-Kothe, Digiana, Model Town, Gangyal and Bari Brahmna area, but accused was evading his arrest. Finally, after making hectic efforts/ conducted many raids and with the help of technical assistance, today i.e on 22-04-2024, Police team arrested the actual accused namely Deedar Singh, son of Milkha Singh, resident of Nihalpur, Kullian. Moreover, investigation of the case is still going on.

The arrest was made by a team of Police Station Miran Sahib led by SHO PS Miran Sahib and IC BPP Kullian under the close supervision of SDPO R.S.Pura & overall supervision of the SP Hqrs Jammu.

Crackdown on illegal mining, 17 vehicles seized, 6 arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU/SRINAGAR: In a drive against illegal mining and to tighten noose against the violators, Jammu Police has initiated strict action against the criminals involved in illegal mining & minting money out of the public resources. In a surprise operation which was carried out at different locations in Rural zone of District Jammu.

Police party of Police Station Akhnoor seized two Dumpers (JK12B -9370 and JK12B-3671) loaded with sand without any legal permission.

Nagrota Police also seized a tractor bearing Chassis No. WYTA31419118174 alongwith 03 trollies laden with sand found involved in illegal mining at Baleeni Nalla Nagrota. After seizure of these vehicles District Mining Officer was informed for necessary legal actions.

Cracking a whip on illegal mining of minerals, police have seized 11 vehicles and arrested 9 drivers in Baramulla.

The Police initiated the action under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Baramulla, SDPO Pattan/Tangmarg/Kreeri assisted by SHO PS Kreeri, PS Kunzer, IC PP Delina, PP Kungambara & PP Mirgund seized 11 vehicles and arrested 9 drivers at Kreeri, Delina, Kungambara, Kunzer & Mirgund, involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals. The involved accused drivers have been identified as Nisar Ahmad Chopan son of Ali Mohammad resident of Kunzer, Samir Ahmad Shah son of Ghulam Rasool, Javid Shah son of Nazir Shah both residents of Gonipora, Asif Ali Bhat son of Ali Mohammad resident of Odina, Mohd Rafeeq Akhooon son of Gh Rasool Akhooon resident of Frasthaar, Ghulam Hassan Gojree son of Abdul Aziz resident of Chandsooma, Ghulam Nabi Lone son of Ghulam Hassan resident of Harwan Sopore, Talib Hameed Wani son of Ab Hameed & Arshad Ahmad Akhooon son of Ab Razaq both residents of Frasthar Kreeri. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and further investigation have been initiated.

People are requested not to indulge in any kind of illegal mining activities from any Nallah/River, as it is the violation of Government rules. Persons found indulging in illegal mining activities shall be dealt as per law.